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SUBJECT: CODEL HUMPHREY/SCOTT - MBFR

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1. FOREIGN MINISTER OLSZOWSKI'S COMMENTS ON MBFR CAME IN

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RESPONSE TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTION BY SENATOR MCCLURE:

"YOU SAID THAT MFN FOR THE USSR IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR IMPROVING US-USSR RELATIONS -- PARTICULARLY IN THE AREA OF MUTUAL TRUST. MANY OF US ARE CONCERNED ABOUT DEFENSE SPENDING. IN THE LAST TWO YEARS, THE USSR HAS SPEND MORE MONEY ON DEFENSE THAN THE US HAS AND WE HAVE TO REGARD THIS AS A VERY SERIOUS MATTER, PARTICULARLY WHEN COSTS OF ARMAMENTS AND MANPOWER IN THE USSR ARE ESTIMATED AT LESS THAN HALF THOSE OF THE US. SOME CHANGE IN THIS SPENDING PATTERN IS ALSO NECESSARY FOR IMPROVING MUTUAL CONFIDENCE. WE HAVE NO DESIRE TO MAINTAIN US FORCES IN ANY COUNTRY EXCEPT INsofar AS THOSE COUNTRIES DESIRE OUR FORCES THERE."

2. OLSZOWSKI'S RESPONSE WAS: "WE AGREE THAT A CONTINUED ARMS RACE IS A SERIOUS PROBLEM. THIS RACE SHOULD BE STOPPED AND ARMAMENTS REDUCED DOWNWARD. WE, TOO, ARE VERY INTERESTED IN ACHIEVING PROGRESS IN MBFR AND SALT. AS FOR MBFR, I BELIEVE THAT AFTER THE CSCE THIRD STAGE IN HELSINKI ONE CAN EXPECT VERY SPECIFIC AND DEFINITE PROGRESS IN VIENNA."

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